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## *Corrections News*

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### **Burke Chosen as Department July Employee of the Month**

Kelley Burke has been selected as the Missouri Department of Corrections Employee of the Month for July 2008. Burke is employed as a Probation and Parole Officer II at Western Missouri Correctional Center (WMCC) in Cameron. Burke is being recognized for going above and beyond her normal working duties.

“After receiving information that an inmate eligible for parole may have been involved in additional offenses, including against his own daughter, Kelley Burke worked together with law enforcement agencies, both in Missouri and out of state, to ensure that justice was served,” said Missouri Department of Corrections Director Larry Crawford. “After conducting exhaustive background research to verify the facts, Ms. Burke submitted a special report to her supervisor, and ultimately to the Parole Board, in an effort to prevent the offender’s release and protect the young victim. DNA and other evidence supported new charges being levied against the offender. The offender, in large part due to Ms. Burke’s tenacity and dedication to victim protection, was not paroled from Western Missouri Correctional Center, and the Buchanan County Prosecutor’s Office was able to secure an additional sentence. Through her assertive and compassionate dedication to follow up on information and to provide necessary documentation, Ms. Burke was instrumental in increasing public safety and proving the value of community partnerships.”

Burke has been employed with the Department of Corrections for more than 13 years and lives in Hamilton.

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